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Examinations

1. Preliminary examinations in the undermentioned subjects will take place at the Parow School on 16-17 December 1952. On about 3 December, Hauptmann Rieck of the Training Section, H.V.S., and several specialist officers from that department, arrived at Parow to discuss the nature of the examinations with the training staff. As all cadets are now preparing themselves for the examinations, no sea-going training has taken place since that date. The examinations will be conducted in:
 - a. Seamanship
 - b. Technical subjects
 - c. Signals and navigation
 - d. Political indoctrination
 - e. Torpedo mechanics.

Raeumpinassen (Patrol Boats)

2. Two of the new Raeumpinassen are now stationed at the school for training purposes. These craft have a 2nd lieutenant in command and a crew of seven. Technical details are as follows:
 - a. Length: 15 m
 - b. Beam: 2.5 m
 - c. Draught: 0.8 m - 1 m
 - d. Armament: Carbines

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e. Speed: Without minesweeping tow: 15 knots
With minesweeping tow: 12 knots

f. Capacity of main engines: 300 HP

3. The craft are fitted with gear suitable for carrying out "A"-type and single cropesa-type sweeping, and to date have carried out trial runs only in the waters around Stralsund. They will be used exclusively for the training of mining and barrage personnel.

MLR (sic) Boats

4. [redacted] the first MLR boat is due to complete its fitting-out at the Peenewerft Wolgast by 1 March 1953. By that date the Dieselmotorenwerk Rostock is due to have delivered four complete main engine to the yard. 8.8 cm and light AA guns of German origin are already available at Wolgast. The first supply of 8.8 cm ammunition has also arrived at Wolgast, and is of post-war DDR manufacture. Enquiries have been made amongst the Parow-based officers in an attempt to locate suitable officers to man these craft. In particular, emphasis is being laid upon the locating of personnel who have had previous experience with M-boats of the old German navy. 25X1
5. The greatest difficulty to date has been to find suitable gunnery officers, and executive officers who could assume command of the MLR boats. It is thought probable that the present captain of R-boat [redacted] will assume command of the first MLR boat when she is ready. 25X1

DORSCH

6. The trials of this vessel have now been satisfactorily completed and she is temporarily attached to the R & KS Division for tactical and administrative purposes. It has not yet been decided, however, whether the DORSCH will remain attached to this division, or whether she will subsequently operate as a separate command directly responsible to the HVS. No commanding officer has yet been appointed for the DORSCH as no one has yet been found who can safely handle her. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] the appointment is likely to go to Oberst leutnant Knetsch (rnu), who is at present [redacted] at the HVS, and during the war commanded a light craft depot ship, similar in type to the DORSCH. 25X1
7. As far as is understood, the DORSCH will ultimately play the role of flagship to all the sea-going units of the Seepolizei.
8. During the trials, which took place without the gun mountings on board, the craft was commanded by Kapitän Leutnant Werner Elmenhorst, and speeds of 15.5 knots were realized. The planned maximum speed of the craft should, however, have reached 17 knots.

Jasmunder Bodden Project

9. The work on the Jasmunder Bodden project at Glowe is proceeding under pressure and day and night shifts are being employed. Dredging operations are also continuing by day and night.

Cessation of Soviet Minesweeping.

10. Soviet minesweeping activities in the Tromper Wiek have now been suspended.

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Hydrographic Course

11. Although a hydrographic course is currently underway at Parow, nothing is as yet known there of any ultimate transfer to the USSR.

Personnel.

12. a. The training section at Parow is headed by Major Heinz Neumeister.
- b. Oberleutnant Horst Schulze has been appointed assistant head of this section.

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